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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARAB EMBARGO OF PORTUGAL

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1. BEIRUT SO FAR UNABLE TO CONFIRM ALLEGED EMBARGO.
BEIRUT PRESS REPORTED SYRIAN INITIATIVE BRIEFLY WITHOUT
ELABORATION. PORTUGUESE EMBASSY BEIRUT, WHICH ACCREDITED
LEBANON AND JORDAN, HEARD OF SYRIAN INITIATIVE THROUGH
MEDIA BUT HAS NO RPT NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT
EMBARGO HAS OR WILL BE IMPOSED. USINT BAGHDAD KNEW OF
NO RPT NO IRAQ EMBARGO AGAINST PORTUGAL AS OF LAST WEEKEND.
USINT SECTION OF ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS (ITALIAN-
MANNED) HAD NOT RPT NOT HEARD OF SYRIAN INITIATIVE AS
OF NOV 12 BUT WILL CHECK, MAY HAVE MORE FRIDAY. PORTUGAL
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NOT RPT NOT ON ANY OIL EMBARGO LIST WE HAVE SEEN BUT THESE

INCOMPLETE AND VARY FROM ONE ARAB PRODUCER TO ANOTHER.
COMMENT: VARIOUS ARAB ORGANIZATIONS (USUALLY IN COMMERCE,
CIVIL, LABOR) OFTEN PROCLAIM EMBARGOES WHICH QUITE OFTEN
NEVER IMPLEMENTED (AT LEAST UP TO THE PRESENT). NOTING THAT
PORTUGAL HAS LITTLE NON-OIL TRADE WITH EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN, PORTUGUESE EMBASSY OPINES THAT QUESTION OF ALL-
ARAB EMBARGO MAY DEPEND ON COURSE ARAB-ISRAELI DEVELOPMENTS.
EMBASSY INDICATED CHIEF PORTUGUESE INTEREST THIS AREA IS ARAB
OIL, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN EMBARGOED DESPITE BOYCOTTS BY SYRIA,
KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA OF PORTUGUESE EXPORTS DUE PORTUGAL'S
AFRICAN POLICY. EMBASSY SAYS ARAB OIL SOURCES PROVIDED ABOUT 3
MILLION TONS OF 1972 PORTUGUESE OIL IMPORTS OF 3.6 MILLION
TONS. CHIEF SOURCE WAS IRAQ WITH TWO MILLION TONS, FROM
GULF. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE IRAQ NOT PARTICIPATING ARAB
OIL PRODUCTION REDUCTION AND HAS NOT RPT NOT YET IMPOSED
SPECIFIC OIL DESTINATION EMBARGOES.
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UNQUOTE RUSH

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